

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An apparatus comprising:

- a tag array to store address information for data blocks;
- a data array to store data blocks;
- a decoder to access first and second entries of the tag array responsive to a request; and
- hit/miss logic to process the request, responsive to hit/miss signals triggered by the access to the first and second entries, wherein a first set index is derived from set bits and a second set index is derived from the first set index.

Claim 2 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the data blocks are instruction blocks, the request specifies a target address for an instruction block, and the first and second entries correspond to an entry to which a portion of the target address maps and an adjacent entry, respectively.

Claim 3 (Original): The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the hit/miss logic triggers a request to a higher-level cache if the access to the first entry of the tag array misses.

Claim 4 (Original): The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the hit/miss logic signals the higher-level cache to return a full cache line if the accesses to the first and second entries both miss.

Claim 5 (Original): The system of claim 4, wherein the hit/miss logic signals the higher-level cache to return a partial cache line if the access to the first entry misses and the access to the second entry hits.

Claim 6 (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein the tag array includes first and second tag ports to process the first and second accesses.

Claim 7 (Original): The system of claim 6, wherein the data array includes a first data port to process a first access that hits in the tag array, the first tag and data arrays forming a standard port.

Claim 8 (Original): The system of claim 7, wherein the decoder drives a first index to the first tag port and drives a modified version of the first index to the second tag port.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A method comprising:

detecting a target address;

generating first and second look-ups to a cache responsive to the target address;

and

retrieving a data block from a second cache responsive to hit/miss signals generated by the first and second look-ups, wherein a first set index is derived from set bits and a second set index is derived from the first set index.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 9, wherein generating comprises:

determining [[a]] the first index from a first portion of the target address;

determining [[a]] the second index from the first index; and

generating the first and second look-ups to entries indicated by the first and second indices, respectively.

Claim 11 (Original): The method of claim 9, wherein retrieving comprises retrieving a data block from the second cache responsive to the first look-up missing in the first cache.

Claim 12 (Original): The method of claim 11, wherein retrieving a data block comprises:

retrieving a data block having a first size responsive to the second look-up hitting in

the first cache; and

retrieving a data block having a second size responsive to the second look-up missing in the first cache.

Claim 13 (Original): The method of claim 9, wherein generating first and second look-ups comprises:

generating a standard look-up to a first set determined from a portion of the target address; and

generating a pseudo-look-up to second set adjacent to the first set.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A device comprising:

a first cache including a plurality of entries, each entry to store an instruction block having a first size;

a decoder to generate multiple look-ups to the first cache responsive to a target address;

a second cache including a plurality of entries, each entry to store an instruction block having a second size that is greater than the first size; and

a request manager to transfer to the first cache an instruction block from the second cache having one of a plurality of sizes, responsive to results of primary and secondary look-ups;

wherein a first set index is derived from set bits and a second set index is derived from the first set index.

Claim 15 (Original): The device of claim 14, wherein the multiple look-ups are primary and secondary look-ups and the request manager transfers an instruction block having the second size responsive to the primary and secondary look-ups missing in the first cache.

Claim 16 (Original): The device of claim 14, wherein the multiple look-ups are primary and secondary look-ups and the decoder generates first and second set indices for the primary and secondary look-ups, respectively, responsive to set bits of the target address.

Claim 17 (Cancelled).

Claim 18 (Original): The device of claim 14, wherein all of the multiple look-ups are processed if the target address meets a first criterion.

Claim 19 (Original): The device of claim 18, wherein the first criterion is that the target address maps to a boundary of the instruction block of the second cache.

Claim 20 (Original): The device of claim 18, wherein only a first of the multiple look-ups is processed if the target address does not meet the first criterion.

Claim 21 (Original): The device of claim 14, wherein the multiple look-ups comprise primary and secondary look-ups and the first cache includes a standard port to process the primary look-up and a pseudo-port to process the secondary look-up.

Claim 22 (Original): The device of claim 21, wherein the standard port comprises a tag port and a data port and the pseudo port comprises a tag port.

Claim 23 (Original): The device of claim 21, wherein the decoder drives a first index on the standard port and a second index, derived from the first index, on the pseudo port.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:

- a thread control unit to schedule execution of instructions from multiple threads;
- an execution module to execute the scheduled instructions; and
- a memory hierarchy to supply the execution module with instructions for the multiple threads, the memory hierarchy including:
 - a first cache to store instruction in multiple cache lines of a first size;
 - a second cache to store instructions in multiple cache lines of a second size that is different from the first size;

a main memory; and
a cache controller to generate multiple look-ups to the first cache responsive to an instruction address and to transfer a block of instructions to the first cache responsive to hit/miss signals generated by the multiple look-ups, wherein a first set index is derived from set bits and a second set index is derived from the first set index.

Claim 25 (Original): The system of claim 24, wherein the cache controller transfers a block of instructions to the first cache if a first of the multiple look-ups misses in the first cache, the block of instructions having a size equal to a portion of the cache line size of the second cache responsive to a hit/miss signal of another of the multiple look-ups.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 25, further comprising a memory controller, wherein the memory controller transfers instructions from the main memory responsive to a miss in a second cache controller.